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Dear Editor,

Regarding your Article about the CAHSRA's Bullet-in-the-Brain Train, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, Golden Spike Ceremony, I was disturbed by your lack of fair treatment of both sides of the issue.

And when I tried to post my Comment on your Article, it was rejected. Why don't you accept responsible opposing viewpoints?

Your Article failed to mention the revelation on Radio Fresno Station KMJ 580 when a former CAHSRA "team member," now whistleblower said that he quit in protest for the CAHSRA paying hundreds of millions of delay damages to the contractor for no work performed, only delay damages. He said that the CAHSRA falsely told the federal government that work could be performed when they did not even own the land where the work was to be performed. For this they received \$3.1B of our federal tax dollars, and have squandered it on damage payments to their contractor.

This is the kind of debacle we get with politician transportation as we see with VTA, COG, TAMC, SCCRTC, Caltrain, Amtrak, ACE Train, SMART Train, and all the rest of the bankrupt boondoggles which kept running my massive transfers of gas & diesel taxes to the bankrupt boondoggles by our local elected officials. This is, as I've said more than once, unsound and unsustainable transport policy.

Experts have advised both federal and State governments that we ought to fund transport with "user fees."

This policy was endorsed by the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on transport funding, and by the California Transportation Commission.

But our leaders ignore their own experts. Instead, they gouge motorists for ever-increasing gas taxes. Our leaders have us on the Road to Serfdom. Caveat viator.

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